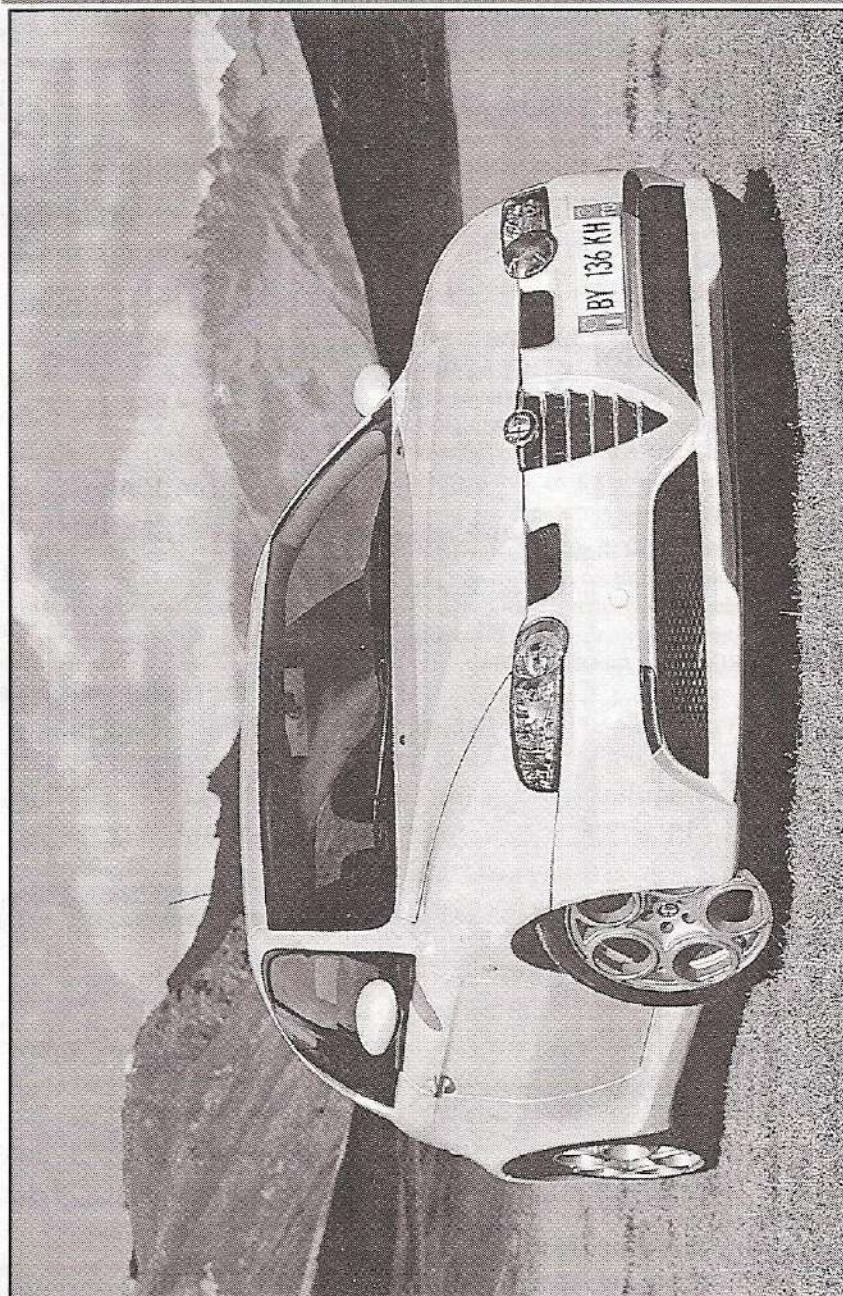


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August 2003

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Miscellaneous Rumblings from Il Presidente!

Well AROSC is turning our good thoughts into good deeds this summer. Norman and also Art went on the Braille Rallye and then told us about their adventures at the July meeting. They both had a great time. Sounds like the Braille Rallye may get on the 2004 Calendar.

Mary and I again went to Central Calif. Chapter's summer wing-ding, Concours Divertimento. We also belong to that chapter and REALLY enjoy their events. Il Pres, Fred Zimmerman, has to do all of the arrangements and all we have to do is show up. They always have a super selection of very nicely prepared cars. This year ALL of the other cars were made to look even nicer because I drove the Alfetta. With its multi hued red paint job, 1 race seat and 1 old GTV6 seat the other cars really took on another level of beauty.

Looks like we have some programs for 2 meetings this fall. Jim Mosier is allowing us to return to his shop, details to follow soon. And Barry Klein and perhaps some others will give us a review of the Monterey weekend with slides and whatever.

Well I have run out of enthusiasm before I have reached the end of my article. So that's all for now. See you all at Omega Motorsports for the August meeting.

That's all for this month.
See you at the meeting, picnic, or wherever.

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Wine Tour 2003

November 8-9

So we have new date for this year's Wine Tour. It is Saturday - Sunday November 8 and 9 where this year's celebration of the grape will be in the Santa Inez area, just north of Santa Barbara. Lots of new wineries have opened up since AROSC was last in the area and there are some pleasant surprises. Mary and I just spent a weekend up there (not for us but for YOU, AROSC!) driving and tasting, tasting and driving. A problem with this year's planning will be how to chose which wineries for us to visit.

We have a block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites in Solvang where we have stayed before, for about \$99 a night. They do have a wine and cheese deal in the evening and an expanded continental breakfast (that means fresh waffles, cereal, fruit coffee and juices) in the morning.

As in the past some of us will travel up Friday night, which makes sleeping in Saturday morning nice. Hey its supposed to be a fun time so you cheapskates should start pinching your pennies now so you will have enough cash for both nights. Those of us Friday Nighters always seem to have a couple of bottles of wine and some munchies with us so don't be shy. Stop by and say Hi.

We will either meet you on Saturday at the hotel in Solvang or at the first winery. Call the Inn direct to book your room early and PLEASE tell them you are with the Alfa Club for the best rate.

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Summer Beach Party

Sorry You Missed It!

Photos by Paul Dexler and Jim Barrett -- Thanks Much!



The merry group awaits dinner.



We had a small but friendly group.



The food is ready!



Bonnie & Elyse compare pretty toes.



More conviviality.



Norman Silverman, our host and organizer, enjoys his after dinner cigar, although not everyone else enjoyed it as much.



Sunset approaches in the mist.



The fun went on into the night.



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(MOSTLY) ITALIAN CAR CARAVAN PREPARES FOR TRIP TO CONCORSO ITALIANO

Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lancia, Fiat, et al.

From August 15th to August 17th, the largest annual gathering of historically significant automobiles occurs on the Monterey Peninsula. For the car lovers among us, especially all things Italian, the weekend begins on Friday, August 15th with the **Concorso Italiano**. On August 15th, 16th, 17th the **Monterey Historic Races** are held at Laguna Seca and the **Concours Elegance** is held at Pebble Beach on August 17th. The real weekend, for many of us, actually starts on Thursday, August 14th as we start to assemble in San Diego and caravan through the day to Monterey / Carmel. Last year we had around 20 cars including Maseratis, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Alfas, Lancia and a Porsche. The caravan starts in San Diego at the Anderson Pea Soup Windmill on Freeway 5 at 7:00 AM, with stops at UC Irvine and Thousand Oaks, and departs Santa Barbara at 11:30 AM. The route will take us over the San Marcos Pass, passed Lake Cachuma to Pismo Beach for lunch. After Pismo the caravan will split into 2 main groups – one heading up the Big Sur and the other pounding up the Salinas Valley. Details are posted below.

For Alfa owners this is only the first of the weekend caravans. On Saturday, August 16th, we drive our Alfas to the Alfa corral (sponsored by ARA) at Laguna Seca Raceway. At Laguna Seca, in addition to exciting vintage racing, there will be a major exhibit celebrating Ford's racing heritage. Sometime Saturday afternoon we convoy from the corral to the beautiful home of West and Maggie Clark, overlooking Carmel Valley, for a wine tasting (the Clarks have their own wines) some snacks and lots of camaraderie. This caravan requires a ticket to get into Laguna Seca, pre-purchase of a corral pass for \$1.00 and confirmation for the West's.

Returning is always open to more options, and the return caravan arrangements are usually best made in Monterey. Too many possible choices – Do I leave Sunday or Monday? Do I drive down the Big Sur or take 101? Then the really big decisions – Breakfast or lunch at the Nepenthe? Lunch in Pismo or Moro Bay? Dinner in Santa Barbara or Montecito? Nobody said life would be easy.

The Concorso is being held, for the first time, this year at the Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, overlooking scenic Monterey Bay. The Concorso is honoring 40 years of Lamborghini and will feature the USA debut of the new V-10 Gallardo. A salute to significant Italian Spiders and Barchettas has been added. Many one-off designs originating from the drawing board of Pietro Frua will be presented to commemorate the 90th birthday of this late, great designer. The Concorso will present, on one fairway alone, over 400 Ferraris, many being judged in Concours competition. In addition to the nearly 1,000 Italian cars presented, the adjoining corrals, featuring Lotus, Porsche, Jaguar, BMW, Corvette, Mercedes, Bentley, Viper, Rolls Royce, et al., will offer hundreds of viewing and photo ops. The corral feature will be the 25th anniversary of the aerospace-designed Vector.

For the rich and famous among us (\$100 per person), or those who can get hold of guest passes, Sunday, August 17th is the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, considered to be the most prestigious gathering of (by invitation only) classic cars in the world. This year's features are Bugatti and 100 years of Ford.

- ❑ For details and tickets for the Concorso go to www.concorso.com .
- ❑ For tickets to Laguna Seca, link over from the Concorso web site. For corral tickets contact Ian Lomax @ president@overheardcams.org
- ❑ For lodging (Delta Sierra had a block of 40 rooms in Salinas) and dinner at Gino's Saturday night contact James L Treadwell @ jltreadwell@scif.com .
- ❑ For Caravan details email Norm Silverman @ normanev@msn.com or Ken Howell @ masermn1284@yahoo.com. Include in the email your name, address, cell phone number and car info (make, model, year) and you will receive a map & routing instructions.

For Details, Contact: Norm Silverman, Phone (818) 427-2054, Email: normanev@msn.com

Fall Concours in Orange Co.!

September 28, 2003

**AROSC FALL CONCORSO TO BE HELD IN ORANGE COUNTY
AT CRAIG REGIONAL PARK — September, 28th 2003**

Competition for Cars & Picnic Baskets!

Sunday morning on September 28th, 2003 the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California invites its members and members of the Orange County and San Diego Alfa Clubs to show off their sparkling clean Alfa's (or non-Alfa's) at our 2nd Concorso of the year. In addition to being a great warm up for "The Best of France & Italy" Concorso on November 2, 2003, this is also a grand opportunity to swap stories and photos with those who will have attended the "Concorso Italiano" in August.

The Concorso will be held in an exclusive parking area adjacent to the Ranger Station. The park opens at 7:00 AM and all cars entered for judging should be there by 9:30. Judging will start at 10:00. Ribbons for the Concorso will be awarded in 3 categories – Open Alfa (convertibles), Closed Alfa (hard tops), and Non-Alfa owned by a member. Recognition will also be given in 3 categories of picnic basket competition – *Molto Alfa* (Very Alfa), *Migliore Italiano* (Best Italian), and *Piacevole Apparenza* (Pleasant Appearance).

To reach the park take the Orange Freeway (#57) to the Imperial Highway offramp. Proceed west on Imperial for approximately 1/4 mile to State College Boulevard, then left for 300 yards. --((Locate Craig Regional Park in Fullerton, ZIP 92835, with Map Quest))

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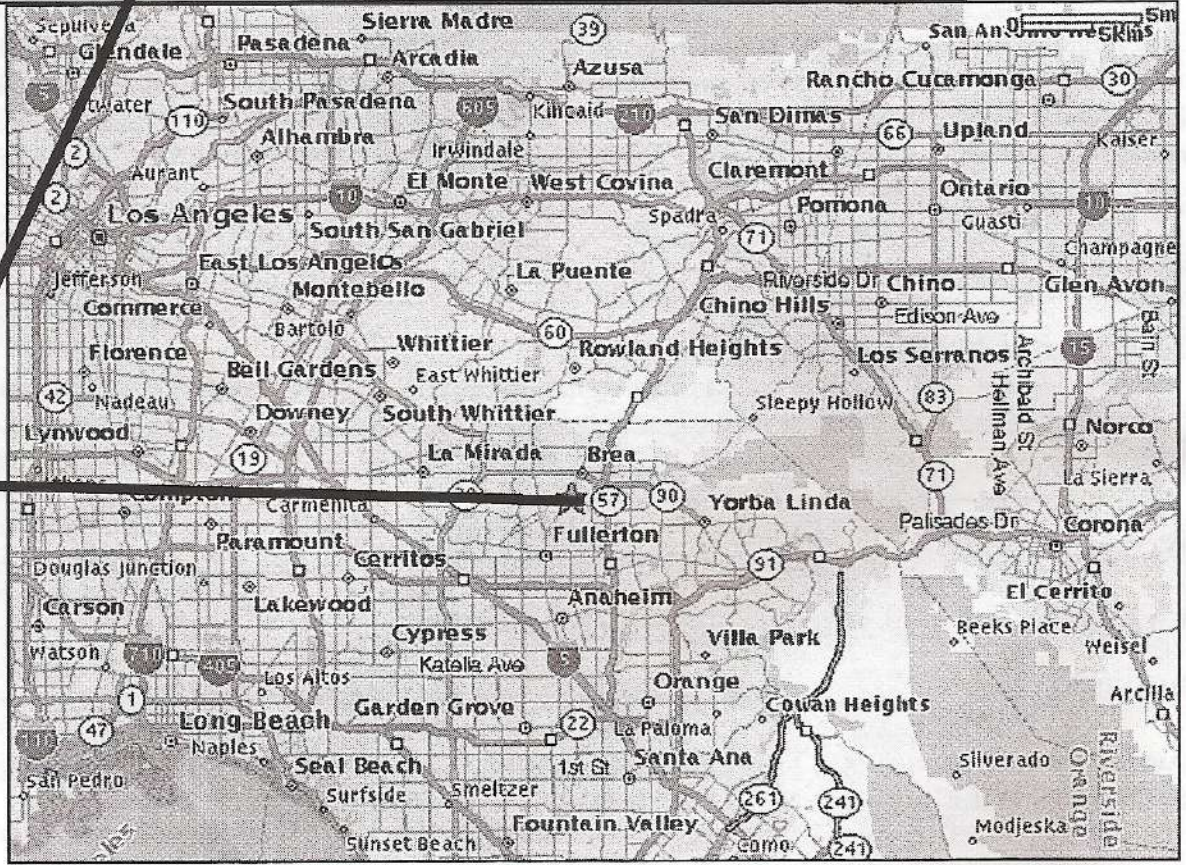
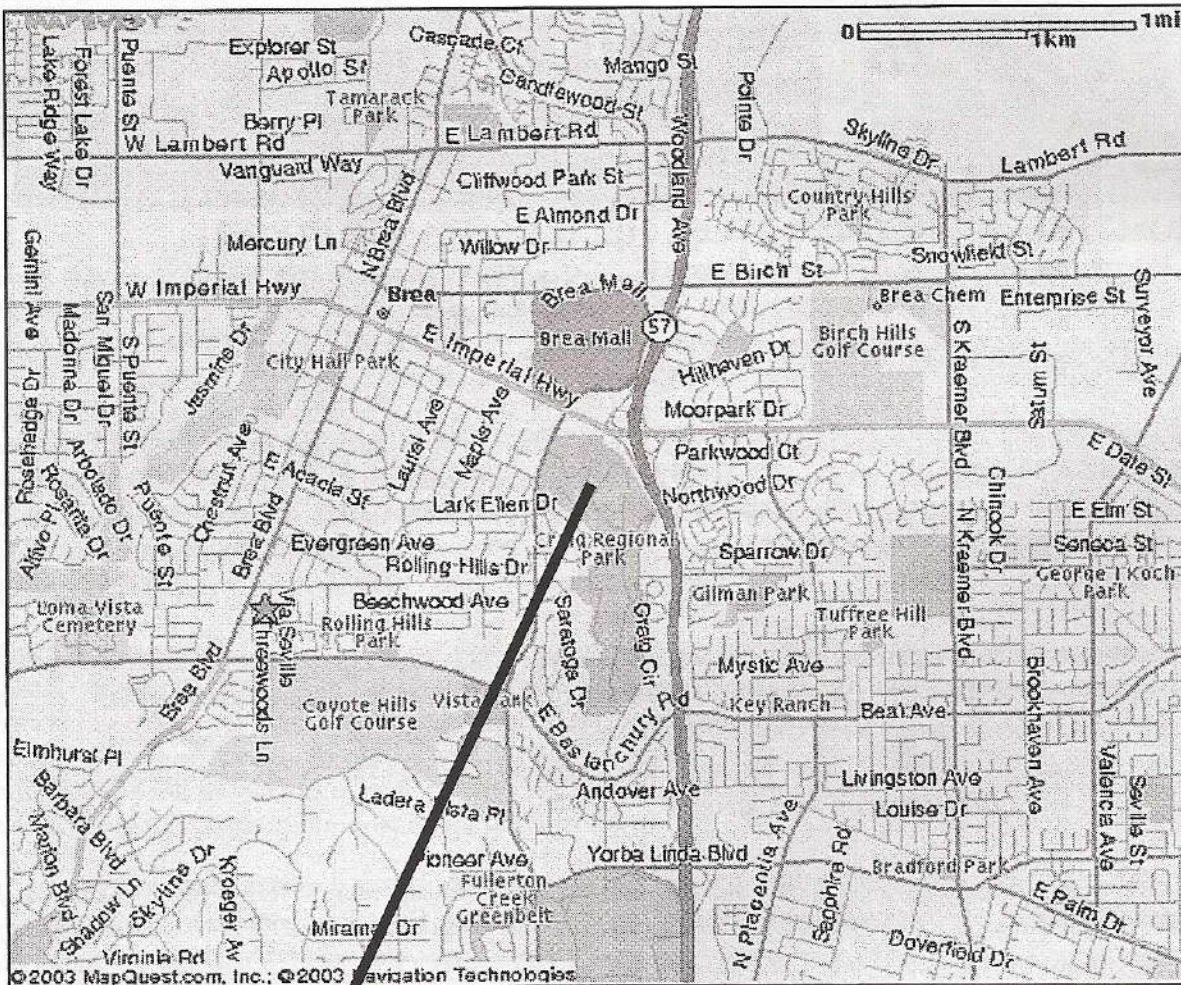
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Buttonwillow is the next race on September 13-14, with the season finale at Laguna Seca in early November. Thanks to Anthony Rimicci for sending photos from the Portland Race to share which are posted on the website at Bsedan.com.

Alfa Racer in Need of Help - George Willet (AKA George of the North) has asked for help to locate information and documentation of acceptable modifications. This is a very urgent request as he needs the info ASAP and his question is very specific:

"In 1969 did the SCCA make a rule change that allowed 'update/upgrades' such that the 1965-68 Alfa Sprint GT 'two headlight' model could legally run the 1750cc motor in the B-Sedan class?" Note the specific years and the 1969 date is critical (cannot be later).

George has gotten some amount of 'word of mouth' information that supports this but is in real need of hard documentary evidence. If you know the answer and/or can provide some documentary evidence or assistance, please drop George a line at alfaman@fidalgo.net. As all of us that have researched early club racing history know, there is very little hard info to be found but we are always surprised at what someone has laying around in a storage box.

The result of this research will be published on the Alfa "Setup" page of the Bsedan Web Site and such findings will be added to other pages as information becomes available.

At a race not long ago we met the "gas man". No this is not a personal condition but he is a distributor for gas products such as welding gas, CO2 and others. He happened to notice drivers using CO2 in their tires and wanted to make the point that this can be a dangerous practice. According to "gas man", CO2 expands at a rapid rate when heated and he speculated that a race tire filled entirely with CO2 could easily explode once fully hot! A little research on this seemed to confirm what "gas man" said and one document put the issue in perspective with the simple statement, "...CO2's incredible expansion ratio, something like 3000 percent...". Yikes!

The End of Autodelta?

2 Charged With Illegally Importing Cars

Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 10:08:16 -0400 (GMT)
(Associated Press)

A father and son were arrested yesterday on federal charges of illegally importing Italian-made Alfa Romeo sports cars that did not meet federal safety and air quality standards. Carlo Giordano, 66, and his son, Alessandro Giordano, 25, both of Nashville, were indicted last week on charges of defrauding the government by making false statements that the vehicles were legal in the United States, said Debra W. Yang, U.S. attorney for the Central District of California.

The elder Giordano is owner and president of Nashville-based Autodelta USA Inc., and his son serves as the company's manager of operations. No Tennessee phone listings could be found for the men or the company and they could not be reached for comment.

According to the indictment, which originated in California, where officials said some of the cars were sold, the Giordanos would travel to Europe to purchase the cars. Authorities think the men sold or offered to sell about two dozen of the Alfa Romeos, including three in Orange County, Calif.

The men also face seven counts of wire fraud and three counts of making false statements in documents required by the Clean Air Act. If convicted, they could receive a maximum sentence of five years in prison for each of the 11 charges.

Autodelta also could face fines of more than \$5 million.



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Born in East Los Angeles to Ivan and Teresa Galich on September 27, 1932. He died at age 70, July 6, 2003 after fighting a long battle in treatment of multiple myeloma.

At age nine Jerry moved to Compton, CA, where he made many friends and met his future wife, Margie, at El Jay's Drive In Restaurant (Oh, "Them There Eyes!").

They were blessed with a wonderful son, Victor John, in 1957. They lived in Compton for two years, Lynwood seven years, then moved to Huntington Beach where Jerry became an Engineer and later Captain on the Huntington Beach Fire Department. They built their dream home on a vacant lot on 10th Street, Huntington Beach and have lived there for 33 years.

Jerry became an Alfa Owner, along with other interesting cars, and had a small shop in Huntington Beach for



Jerry at age 21, in Korea.

many years. He was often seen at SCCA races cheering on the Alfa racers, as well as at other Alfa events: Monterey Historics, AROSC Summer Party, etc.

Jerry retired from the Huntington Beach Fire Department in 1984 and soon thereafter became a Rotarian. Jerry served as Community Service Director in 1989-1990 and President in 1994-1995. He earned a Paul Harris Fellowship award.

He spent many hours volunteering until his health began to fail in 1996. He was diagnosed with advanced multiple myeloma in February 1998. He did long and furious battle with this cancer and achieved remission in April 2001. He

died July 6, 2003, after receiving two, ½ doses of a recently FDA approved drug called Velcade. This drug is owned by Millennium Pharmaceuticals. Thirty-six hours after receiving the second dose, Jerry was rushed to the Emergency Room. He was hospitalized for two weeks prior to his death.

He will be truly missed and cherished by his loving family and friends. "We love you Pops."

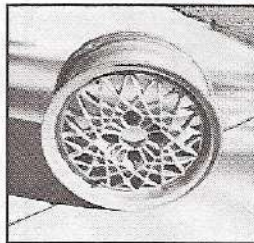
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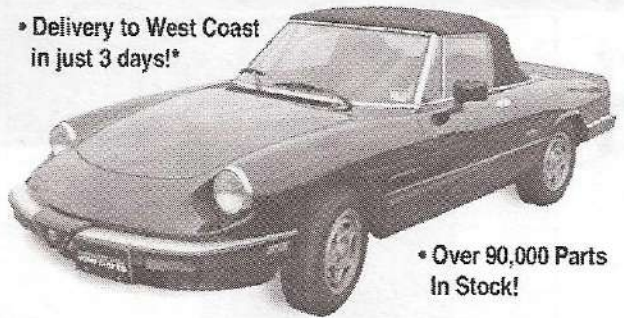
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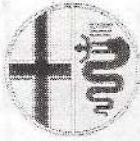
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May	June	July	August
7 Board Meeting 10-11 Palms to Pines Tour 17-18 Time Trial & race @ Laguna Seca!! 30 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	4 Board Meeting 7-8 Time Trial & race @ Buttonwillow 14 Dyno Session/MagnaFlow 20-22 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	2 Board Meeting 3-6 AROC National Convention, Florida 12 Summer Beach Party on Beach at Huntington 19 Braille Rallye 2003 25 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	6 Board Meeting 9-10 Time Trial & race @ Fontana 15 Concorso Italiano, 16-17 Monterey Historics 29 General Meeting/Tech Session, Omega MS 30 Mt Wilson Climb to the Stars
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